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SURVEY ON BPL
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey for identification of the people living below the poverty line has been conducted in the country;

(b) if so, the outcome of the said survey, State-wise;

(c) if not, the time by which the survey is likely to be completed; and

(d) the agency undertaking the survey?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development conducts through the State Governments the Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census, at the beginning of each Five Year Plan period, for identifying the households living below the poverty line in the rural areas of the country, since the Eighth Five Year Plan. The BPL Census, 2002 for identification of the BPL rural households, for targetting during the Tenth Five Year Plan under the Programmes of the Ministry, has been initiated during the year 2002.

(b) The BPL Census, 2002 has not yet been completed.

(c) The States have been advised to complete the BPL Census by 31st March, 2003.

(d) The BPL Census is conducted through the State Governments/U.T. Administrations.